

community. Under his leadership, Spring Lake Heights has become a welcoming summer escape for thousands of visitors every year.

Mayor Malick has served on the governing body of Spring Lake Heights for 31 years, 26 as a member of the Borough Council, 13 as council president, and the last five as mayor. Beyond his dedicated service in government, Mayor Malick has served as a model school teacher for over 20 years. His dedication to education is commendable, though his commitment to community service extends outside the classroom. As a coach of Little League and high school basketball, Mayor Malick has touched the lives of young students in many meaningful ways.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Mayor Malick on his award, and I wish him the best as he opens a new chapter in his life. His example will continue to inspire us all and visitors will continue to enjoy their visits to Spring Lake Heights as a result of his accomplishments.

HONORING CHIEF MICHAEL G.
CURRY

HON. MARK H. SCHAUER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Mr. SCHAUER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor a truly exemplary public servant, Chief Michael G. Curry, as April marks the 35th anniversary of his service as Napoleon Township Police Chief. Mike's unflagging dedication to the community, his extensive knowledge and experience in police work, and his effectiveness as a leader are keys to the long and continued success of the Napoleon Township Police Department.

Mike has always placed the welfare of children as his highest priority. That emphasis is reflected in a long list of local initiatives he has championed: child safety training, pedestrian and bike safety programs, SAVE (school active violence event) training for students and teachers, student finger printing, driving safety training, uniformed police officers taking children out to shop at Christmas, and numerous other initiatives.

He is especially resourceful in finding ways to maximize the benefit Napoleon residents receive from every local dollar spent on law enforcement—obtaining financial grants from many different external sources, leveraging resources through regional cooperation and consortiums, staffing the department with highly experienced officers who are willing to work part-time for Napoleon, and closely managing every expenditure large or small.

A recognized leader at the regional level, he is a past president of the Village and Township Police Association, past chair of the 911 Board, as well as current board member and chair of the curriculum committee for the Jackson and Lenawee County Training Consortium. Mike treats every resident issue, no matter how small, as important because every resident is important to him. Napoleon is a safer and more desirable community to live in, its children are better protected, and its residents are served by a highly effective Police Department thanks to Chief Curry.

How many lives have been saved, traffic accidents prevented, injuries avoided and crimes

deterred through his efforts may never be known, but we as a community know we owe him a debt of gratitude that can never be fully repaid.

MOLECULAR IMAGING WEEK

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge this week as Molecular Imaging Week. During this week, the molecular imaging and therapy community at hospitals, clinics, imaging centers, educational institutions, and corporations around the world, will educate Congress and the public about health policy issues related to molecular imaging and therapy.

Annually, more than 20 million men, women, and children need noninvasive molecular/nuclear medicine procedures. These safe, cost-effective procedures include: positron emission tomography (PET) scans to diagnose and monitor treatment of cancer, diagnose neurological disease such as Alzheimer's and stroke, cardiac stress tests to analyze heart function, bone scans for orthopedic injuries and follow-up for breast and prostate cancer patients, and lung scans for blood clots. Patients also undergo procedures to diagnose liver and gall bladder abnormal function and to diagnose and treat hyperthyroidism and thyroid cancer.

Molecular imaging and therapy procedures provide safe, painless, and cost-effective techniques to image the body and treat disease. These procedures are crucial in the early diagnosis of cancer, renal disease, cardiac disease, and Alzheimer's. Imaging procedures often identify abnormalities very early in the progress of a disease—long before many medical problems are apparent with other diagnostic tests. The techniques that are used in molecular imaging include radiotracer imaging/nuclear medicine, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS), optical imaging, the PET scan, ultrasound and others.

Molecular imaging offers unique insights that allow a more targeted approach to evaluation and management of heart disease. It also plays a pivotal role in guiding the management of cancer: diagnosis, staging (extent and location), assessing therapeutic targets, monitoring therapy, and evaluating prognosis; and is playing an increasingly significant role in conditions such as: tumors, dementias (Alzheimer's and other), movement disorders, seizures disorders and psychiatric disorders.

Why is molecular imaging important? It is revolutionizing the practice of medicine and is critical to quality health care. Molecular imaging delivers on the promise of "personalized medicine"—it can provide patient-specific information that allows tailored treatment of disease. It can show a precise (molecular) level of detail that provides new information for diagnosis, for determining which kinds of therapy will and will not work for which patient, and for tracking the results of a specific therapy to see exactly how well it is working. It is also key to the development of pharmaceuticals and genetic therapy. Molecular therapy utilizes targeting molecules that deliver

the therapeutic agent directly to the site of interest, bypassing normal tissue that is responsible for the toxic side effects of many current therapies.

Based in Reston, Virginia, the Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) is an international scientific and professional organization founded in 1954 to promote the science, technology and practical application of nuclear medicine. Its 16,000 members are physicians, technologists and scientists specializing in the research and practice of molecular imaging and nuclear medicine. In 2005, SNM created the Molecular Imaging Center of Excellence, an organizational component within SNM, dedicated to all aspects of molecular imaging in the detection and management of disease. The primary focal areas of the Center are educational programs, professional and inter-society networking, and serving as a resource for development and implementation of SNM policy in this specialized area.

I applaud SNM and its members for their efforts to educate others on this major healthcare innovation during Molecular Imaging Week (April 19–25), and I urge my Colleagues to join me in supporting policies that will continue to keep our nation on the cutting edge of molecular imaging research.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, on March 23, 2009 I stayed at home due to an ongoing medical. As a result, I missed a number of votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

Aye on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Stan Lundine Post Office Building Designation. (Roll Call #145)

Aye on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building Designation. (Roll Call #146)

On March 24, 2009 I stayed at home due to an ongoing medical. As a result, I missed a number of votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

Aye on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Department of Homeland Security Component Privacy Act of 2009. (Roll Call #147)

No on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act (Roll Call #148)

Aye on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to Expressing support for designation of the week of March 1 through March 8, 2009, as School Social Work Week. (Roll Call #149)

On March 25, 2009 I stayed at home due to an ongoing medical. As a result, I missed a number of votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

No on Ordering the Previous Question providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 146, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act. (Roll Call #150)

No on Agreeing to the Resolution providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 146, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act. (Roll Call #151)

Aye on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Special Inspector General for the